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## **Air Guard promotes Warren to brigadier general, chief of staff**

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The South Dakota Air National Guard hosted a promotion ceremony in honor of its new Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Steven Warren, Oct. 4, at Joe Foss Field.

During the ceremony, Warren's daughter, Ashley, and son, Kyle, helped pin the new rank of brigadier general on his uniform.

"Steve was selected as the new chief of staff because of his background and experience," said Brig. Gen. Matt Jamison, South Dakota Air National Guard's assistant adjutant general. "He has achieved so much in his previous positions."

As chief of staff, Warren will be directly responsible to the SDANG's assistant adjutant general for the combat readiness and operational effectiveness of the SDANG.

"It is very humbling to wear this rank," said Warren. "Ever since my beginnings as an enlisted member back in 1977, it has always been about the good people I've worked with. You don't really accomplish anything on your own; it is always a team effort."

Prior to his promotion, Warren served as the vice commander of the 114th Fighter Wing and commander of the 114th Mission Support Group.

Warren and Jamison are the only SDANG members that hold the rank of brigadier general.

Warren is a native of Lake Preston. He graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls and received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from South Dakota State University in 1981.

He enlisted into the SDANG in 1977, achieving the rank of staff sergeant before he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1982.

His father, Charles, also served in the SDANG and retired at the rank of master sergeant in 1986.

"Family support and sacrifice has always been a big part of my ability to serve," said Warren.



**141004-Z-BZ340-102:** Newly appointed chief of staff, Headquarters-South Dakota Air National Guard, Brig. Gen. Steven Warren, is “pinned” by his son, Kyle, and daughter, Ashley, during a ceremony in Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 4, 2014. Warren, the former vice commander of the 114th Fighter Wing, retired the fulltime position to assume the traditional position of chief of staff. (National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Ausland)



**141004-Z-BZ340-121:** Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard, passes an Air Force brigadier general flag to Brig. Gen. Steven Warren, Headquarters-South Dakota Air National Guard's chief of staff, during a pinning ceremony in Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 4, 2014. Warren, who previously served as the 114th Fighter Wing vice commander, assumed chief of staff responsibilities Oct. 1. (National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Ausland)

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